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Repairing Rhode Island Roads



Dear Friends,

I am working hard to provide resources to repair Rhode Island's roads because it promotes a robust local economy, enhances quality of life, and creates jobs. In recent weeks, I highlighted two major infrastructure projects that will benefit residents, commuters, and our business community. The [I-95 Northbound Providence Viaduct](#) and [Route 146](#) see a great deal of traffic daily, and the wear and tear has left the roads in need of upgrades to enhance safety and reduce congestion.

In mid-August, I helped break ground on the Providence Viaduct Northbound Project, a \$265 million overhaul to an area that is plagued by heavy traffic in the center of the capital city. This project is made possible in part by a \$60 million federal Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant that I was pleased to support. The massive undertaking to enhance our state's most traveled roadway is necessary and will positively impact the economic vitality of our state and spur job creation at a critical period.

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**MILITARY ACADEMY
NOMINATIONS**

Applications for military academy nominations are due to Rep. Langevin's office on October 31, 2020

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There's still time to be counted as part of the 2020 Census. Return your survey by mail, call 844-330-2020, or go online. >>

FAST FACT

Small businesses and private non-profits impacted by the pandemic can still apply for help through the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. >>

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Further, as part of an estimated \$150 million project with support from a separate \$65 million INFRA grant, the largest ever awarded to Rhode Island, bridges and roads along Route 146 will see drastic improvements. I am particularly thankful for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's leadership in promoting federal infrastructure investments to our state through the INFRA grant program, which he worked tirelessly to advance.

We must continue to make investments in Rhode Island's future through projects like these, even in the face of financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As Rhode Island and states across the nation face budget shortfalls, I am working with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and our Congressional delegation to introduce legislation ensuring federal highway funds continue to be available to cash-strapped states and that good-paying construction jobs remain in the Ocean State.

To keep up with other infrastructure projects in the state, and for updates on other issues, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



RI Defense Manufacturing

Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite paid a visit to Quonset Point last month, and I joined him to check in on the outstanding work at the General Dynamics Electric Boat facility. Local workers and manufacturers are playing a leading role in advancing the \$10 billion Columbia-class submarine program, the Navy's top ship building priority. I'm proud the best subs in the world are built in our back yard.



Modernizing State and Local IT

COVID-19 has made it apparent how much legacy IT is affecting state and local government operations. We need immediate investments to ensure state and local employees can safely work remotely, and we need IT modernization strategies to ensure that essential services, like unemployment insurance, can be provided to

Rep. Langevin called on the Postmaster General to reverse changes that are slowing down mail delivery. >>

HELPING OUR HEROES' CAREGIVERS

Rep. Langevin voiced support for the Peer Support for Veterans' Families Act to make resources and training available to caregivers. >>

PUSHING FOR A NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR

Rep. Langevin is pressing for passage of his bill to create a National Cyber Director to lead cybersecurity policy and strategy development. >>

BOOSTING CYBERSECURITY

Rep. Langevin praised the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's directive to create a mechanism to engage cybersecurity researchers to address vulnerabilities. >>

PREVENTING MARINE CONTAMINATION

Rep. Langevin announced \$100,000 in federal funding to expand RI's fiberglass boat recycling program and help keep oceans clean. >>

IMPROVING OUR BUS FLEET

Rep. Langevin announced \$8.9 million in grant funding to replace 17 outdated RIPTA buses and to make upgrades to bus facilities. >>

SUPPORTING OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Americans in need. Therefore, I introduced the [State and Local IT Modernization and Cybersecurity Act](#) that includes \$28 billion to improve e-government services, protect workers, and significantly enhance security.

Rep. Langevin announced \$3.9 million in federal aid to fire departments to secure critical equipment and improve safety. >>

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